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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION Address to: Mail Stop: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	DURE-021
	Confirmation No.	8010
	First Named Inventor	Irving K. Arenberg
	Application Number	09/205,251
	Filing Date	December 4, 1998
	Group Art Unit	3763
	Examiner Name	Stigell, Theodore J.
	Title:	<i>“Controlled Release System for Delivering Therapeutic Agents into the Inner Ear”</i>

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2010, for which a 3-month period for reply was given. *Applicants hereby petition for a 3-month extension of time, making the response due by January 26, 2011.* Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are provided beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.